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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION  
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT  
SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (BRL)

SIPA Liquidation

**OBJECTION TO TRUSTEE'S DETERMINATION OF CLAIM**

Marvin E. Bruce IRA, hereby objects to the Notice of Trustee's Determination of Claim dated October 19, 2009 ("Determination Letter"), attached as Exhibit A, as described herein.

**BACKGROUND**

1. In or about May, 1996, Marvin E. Bruce opened an account (Account No. 1-CM399-3 and 1-CM399-4) with Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC ("Madoff"). Mr. Bruce established the account as self directed Individual Retirement Account designating Retirement Accounts, Inc., as Trustee.<sup>1</sup> The account was opened in the name of Retirement Accts Inc. as Custodian of the IRA FBO Marvin E. Bruce (the "Bruce IRA Account").<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In 2004, First Trust Corporation, Retirement Accounts, Inc and other entities were consolidated into a company called FISERV Investment Support Services ("FISERV"). On information and belief, Madoff directed that all IRA and other retirement plans be administered through FISERV. FISERV declined to file a claim.

<sup>2</sup> All personal information relating to the Bruce IRA Account has been redacted for security reasons.

2. On December 11, 2008, an action was commenced against Madoff by the Securities & Exchange Commission in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. On December 15, 2008, this liquidation proceeding was commenced pursuant to the Securities Investment Protection Act (“SIPA”). *See Order, Securities and Exchange Commission v. Madoff, No. 08-10791 (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 15, 2008)* (ordering relief under SIPA and transferring proceeding to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York) [Dkt. No. 4]. Irving Picard was appointed Trustee (“Trustee”), charged, *inter alia*, with overseeing the liquidation of Madoff and processing customer claims for money pursuant to SIPA. *Id.*; 15 U.S.C. § 78fff-1(a) (2009).

3. On December 23, 2008, the Court issued an Order directing the Trustee to disseminate notice and claim forms to Madoff customers and setting forth claim-filing deadlines. *See Order [Dkt. No. 12]*.

4. The December 23, 2008 Order further provided that, to the extent the Trustee disagrees with the amount set forth on a customer claim form, the Trustee “shall notify such claimant by mail of his determination that the claim is disallowed, in whole or in part, **and the reason therefor . . .**” *See Order at 6 (emphasis added) [Dkt. No. 12]*.

5. On or about February 4, 2009, Mr. Bruce filed a claim for the Bruce IRA Account in the amount of \$4,511,928.38 (the “Bruce IRA Customer Claim”), based on the November 30, 2008 statement from Madoff (the “Final Madoff Statement”). A copy of the Bruce IRA Customer Claim is attached as Exhibit B.

6. On October 19, 2009, the Trustee sent the Mr. Bruce the Determination Letter rejecting the claim, stating that (a) no securities were purchased for Bruce IRA Account and (b)

the account does not have a positive net equity because he had withdrawn more funds than he had deposited into the account.<sup>3</sup>

## GROUNDS FOR OBJECTION

7. **First Objection.** The Determination Letter fails to comply with this Court's December 23, 2008 Order, which directs the Trustee to satisfy customer claims in accordance "with the Debtor's books and records." Dec. 23, 2008 Order at 5 [Dkt. No. 12]. The Bruce IRA Customer Claim was evidenced by the Final Madoff Statement showing a final balance of \$4,511,928.38 and listing the securities purportedly purchased for the account, which reflects the "Debtor's books and records" and by which the Trustee is bound absent proof that the owner of the Bruce IRA Account did not have a "legitimate expectation" that the balance on the Final Madoff Statement represented his property.

8. **Second Objection.** The Trustee failed to set forth a legal basis for the position he has taken for the calculation of the claim *See* Determination Letter. The Determination Letter:

- (a) does not clearly provide "the reason" for the disallowance, as required by the Court's December 23, 2008 Order, *see* Order [Dkt. No. 12];
- (b) is insufficient to rebut the *prima facie* validity of the Bruce IRA Customer Claim as provided in Section 502(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3001(f);
- (c) violates general principles of applicable law requiring that an objection to a proof of claim set forth, at a minimum, the relevant facts and legal theories upon which the objection is based, *see, e.g.*, Collier on Bankruptcy ¶ 3007.01(3) (15th ed.) ("[A]n objection to a claim should . . . meet the [pleading] standards of an answer); *In re Enron Corp.*, No. 01-16034, 2003 Bankr. LEXIS 2261, at \*25 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jan. 13, 2003) (same); and

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<sup>3</sup> There is no dispute that the Bruce IRA Account is a customer account within the meaning of SIPA.

(d) includes an exhibit which purportedly calculates the money deposited less subsequent withdrawals without any supporting documentation, that is completely unsubstantiated.

9. **Third Objection.** The Trustee has failed to fulfill the requirement that he honor the legitimate expectations of a customer.

10. The legislative history of SIPA makes clear that Congress' intent in enacting the legislation was to protect the legitimate expectations of customers. Congressman Robert Eckhardt, (D) Texas, sponsor of amendments to SIPA to increase the amount of advance available to customers and expedite the process, commented on the purpose of the legislation as follows:

Under present law, because securities belonging to customers may have been lost, improperly hypothecated, misappropriated, *never purchased* or even stolen, it is not always possible to provide to customers that which they expect to receive, that is, securities which they maintained in their brokerage account. . . . By seeking to make customer accounts whole and returning them to customers in the form they existed on the filing date, the amendments . . . would satisfy the customers' legitimate expectations . . .

S. Rep. No. 95-763, at 2 (1978) (emphasis added).

A customer generally expects to receive *what he believes* is in his account at the time the stockbroker ceases business. But because securities may have been lost, improperly hypothecated, misappropriated, *never purchased*, or even stolen, it is not always possible to provide to customers that which they expect to receive, that is, securities which they maintained in their brokerage account . . . By seeking to make customer accounts whole and returning them to customers in the form they existed on the filing date, the amendments . . . would satisfy customers' legitimate expectations . . .

S. Rep. No. 95-763, at 2 (1978) (emphasis added).

11. The Securities Investor Protection Corporation (“SIPC”) acknowledged that it was bound by the statute and the rules to satisfy the reasonable expectations of customers even when the securities had never been purchased, in the brief it submitted to the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit as follows:

Reasonable and legitimate expectations on the filing date are controlling even where inconsistent with transaction reality. Thus, for example, where a claimant orders a securities purchase and receives a written confirmation statement reflecting that purchase, the claimant generally has a reasonable expectation that he or she holds the securities identified in the confirmation and therefore generally is entitled to recover those securities (within the limits of SIPA) even where the purchase never actually occurred and the debtor instead converted the cash deposited by the claimant to fund that purchase . . . [T]his emphasis on the reasonable and legitimate customer expectations frequently yields much greater customer protection than would be the case if the transaction reality, not the claimants expectations, were controlling, as this court’s earlier opinion in this liquidation well illustrates.

Brief of the Appellant SIPC at 23-24.

12. Based on regular statements and other communications received from Madoff, Mr. Bruce at all times reasonably believed and expected that Madoff executed such transactions and that the Bruce IRA Account actually held such securities.

13. The Trustee’s position in the Madoff case is completely inconsistent with the purpose and goals of SIPA and the position that SIPC, the corporation charged with administering the Act, has taken unequivocally with respect to the treatment of customers in accordance with their reasonable expectations reflected in the communications from the broker-dealer.

14. **Fourth Objection.** The Trustee failed to set forth a legal basis for the position he has taken that he can reduce the amount of the claim by appreciation in the Bruce IRA Account

or calculate the claim by counting only investment principal less withdrawals. No legal basis for the method exists. The Trustee's calculation violates SIPA.

15. 15 U.S.C. § 78fff-2(b) provides that a customer's claim shall be allowed in the amount of the customer's "net equity." 15 U.S.C. § 78fff-2(b). The Trustee calculates "net equity" by reducing the principal contributed to the account less any withdrawals or appreciation, without regard to any gains reflected in the Final Madoff Statement and any prior statement delivered by Madoff to the customer. This is incorrect for the following reasons:

(a) The Trustee's method of calculating the customer claim is inconsistent with the language of the statute. SIPA defines a customer's net equity claim as the value of the customer's "securities positions" in the customer's account, less any amount the customer owes the debtor, as of the date of the filing of the SIPA liquidation:

The term 'net equity' means the dollar amount of the account or accounts of a customer, to be determined by –

(A) calculating the sum which would have been owed by the debtor to such customer if the debtor had liquidated, by sale or purchase on the filing date, all securities positions of such customer . . . ; minus

(B) any indebtedness of such customer to the debtor on the filing date . . .<sup>4</sup>

15 U.S.C. § 78lll(11). The Trustee's proposed formulation has no support in the language of the statute or interpreting case law and in fact, adds words and concepts to the statute which do not exist.

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<sup>4</sup> The "indebtedness" of the customer to the debtor refers to cash or securities owed to the debtor, which is most often in the context of a customer having borrowed from the debtor on margin. See, e.g., H.R. Rep. No. 95-746 at 21 (1977) (describing customers owing cash or securities to the stockbroker as "margin customers"); *Rich v. NYSE*, 522 F.2d 153, 156 (2d Cir. 1975) (noting that, under the 1970 statutory regime, when there were shortages in available securities to satisfy "net equity" claims, customers received cash for their securities "less, in the case of holders of margin accounts, amounts owed" to the broker); *In re First St. Sec. Corp.*, 34 B.R. 492, 497 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 1983) (offsetting against claim amount of indebtedness customer owed to the debtor where unauthorized stock purchase was funded in part by borrowing on margin).

(b) The Trustee's method is inconsistent with the Rules promulgated under SIPA. The Series 500 Rules promulgated under SIPA by SIPC provide for the classification of claims for cash or securities in accordance with the written transaction confirmations sent by the broker-dealer to the customer. 17 C.F.R. § 300.500. Pursuant to the Rule, a customer has a claim for securities if the customer has received written confirmation that the securities have been purchased or sold for the account.

(c) The Trustee's method is inconsistent with the legislative history of the statute. SIPA's legislative history emphasizes Congress' intention that the statute protect customer expectations by ensuring that customers of retail brokerage firms can rely on their account statements. The Madoff statements and confirmations sent to Mr. Bruce indicated that the Bruce IRA Account owned a list of blue chip securities. It makes no difference whether the securities were ever actually purchased.

(d) The Trustee's formula is an improper and wholly inadequate measure of loss. Mr. Bruce deposited funds with Madoff in the expectation the amount would grow, the statements for the Bruce IRA Account showed such growth, and the balance on the Final Madoff Statement reflects the benefit of this bargain. In *Visconsi v. Lehman Brothers, Inc.*, No. 06-3304, 244 Fed. Appx. 708, 713-14 (6th Cir. 2007), the Court declined to set aside an arbitration award that appeared to apply an expectancy measure of damages against a successor in a Ponzi scheme case and rejected the money in / money out formula as not reflecting the expectations of the parties. *Id.* The Court explained:

Lehman's out-of-pocket theory misapprehends the harm suffered by Plaintiffs and the facts of this case. Plaintiffs gave \$21 million to Gruttaduria, not to hide under a rock or lock in a safe, but for the express purpose of investment, with a hope – indeed a reasonable expectation – that it would grow. Thus, the out-of-pocket theory, which seeks to restore to Plaintiffs only the \$21 million they originally invested less their subsequent withdrawals,

is a wholly inadequate measure of damages. Had Gruttadauria invested Plaintiffs' money as requested, their funds would have likely grown immensely, especially considering that Plaintiffs invested primarily throughout the mid-1990s, which, had they hired an honest broker . . . , would have placed their money in the stock market during one of the strongest bull markets in recent memory. In fact, the fictitious statements issued by Lehman, which were designed to track Plaintiffs' funds as if they had been properly invested, indicate that Plaintiffs' accounts would have grown to more than \$37.9 million (even accounting for the withdrawal of more than \$31.3 million). Plaintiffs thus could have reasonably believed that they were entitled to the full \$37.9 million balance shown, regardless of the amounts of their previous deposits and withdrawals.

*Id.* This applies precisely to Mr. Bruce's claim.

(e) The Trustee's Determination Letter is contrary to SIPC's own policies and practices, as reflected in the sworn testimony of Stephen Harbeck, SIPC's president and CEO, and its actions in similar liquidation proceedings. For example, in the New Times Securities Services Inc. ("New Times") SIPA liquidation, in the context of discussing claims filing deadlines, Harbeck acknowledged that if broker-dealer customers have been led to believe that "real existing" securities had been purchased for their accounts, then those customers are entitled to the full value of their securities positions as of the filing date, even if that value represents a substantial increase from the purported purchase price of the securities and even if the securities had never been purchased. Harbeck testified as follows:

Harbeck: [I]f you file within sixty days, you'll get the securities, without question. Whether – if they triple in value, you'll get the securities. . . . Even if they're not there.

Court: Even if they're not there.

Harbeck: Correct.

Court: In other words, if the money was diverted, converted –

Harbeck: And the securities were never purchased.

Court. Okay.

Harbeck: And if those positions triple, we will gladly give the people their securities positions.

Transcript at 37-39, *In re New Times Securities Services, Inc.*, No. 00-8178 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. July 28, 2000).

Moreover, SIPC faced very similar circumstances in the New Times liquidation and took a very different position than it is taking in the Madoff case in support of the Trustee. There, the New Times Trustee's position on "net equity" was in full accord with SIPA, and thus directly contrary to the Trustee's position in this case. Specifically, with respect to any claims that were based on confirmations and account statements reflecting securities positions in "real" securities that could have been purchased (i.e., securities that actually existed on the public market and whose valuations were objectively and publicly verifiable by the customers), the New Times Trustee allowed all such net equity claims to the full extent of the filing date valuations of those securities, even though none of the securities identified in those records had ever, in fact, been purchased by the broker-dealer.<sup>5</sup>

(f) The Trustee's determination is inconsistent with the case law. The Second Circuit's discussion of SIPC's claims processing in *New Times*, the only case in this jurisdiction dealing with the issue in the Madoff case, further indicates that, with respect to

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<sup>5</sup> As with Madoff Securities and Bernard Madoff, New Times and its principal, William Goren, defrauded scores of investors by providing them with confirmations and account statements reflecting purported securities investments made on their behalf when, in fact, no such investments had been made and their money had, instead, been misappropriated for other purposes. Two of the investment opportunities Goren purported to offer were: (1) money-market funds that were entirely fictitious (the "Fictitious New Age Funds"); and (2) mutual funds that were entirely real, such as those offered by The Vanguard Group and Putnam Investments (the "Real Securities"). See *In re New Times Sec. Servs., Inc.*, 371 F.3d 68, 71-72 (2d Cir. 2004) ("New Times I"). Goren's was "a classic Ponzi scheme," *id.* at 72 n.2, wherein new investors' money was used to pay earlier investors.

Approximately 900 customers filed claims in the New Times liquidation: 726 for whom the "Real Securities" were purportedly purchased; 174 for whom the "Fictitious New Age Funds" were purportedly purchased. Consistent with SIPA and its legislative history, the New Times Trustee appropriately applied SIPA's net equity definition to the "Real Securities" customers' claims – meaning he paid them according to the full value of those securities positions as of the date of the liquidation filing. When challenged by "Fictitious New Age Funds" customers who had objected that they had not received the same treatment, SIPC and the New Times Trustee (with the apparent concurrence of the SEC) vigorously defended their approach in court.

customers who thought they were invested in listed securities, SIPC properly paid customer claims based on the customers' final account statements, even where the securities had never been purchased:

Meanwhile, investors who were misled . . . to believe that they were investing in mutual funds that in reality existed were treated much more favorably. Although they were not actually invested in those real funds – because Goren never executed the transactions – the information that these claimants received on their account statements mirrored what would have happened had the given transaction been executed. As a result, the Trustee deemed those customers' claims to be "securities claims" eligible to receive up to \$500,000 in SIPC advances. The Trustee indicates that this disparate treatment was justified because he could purchase real, existing securities to satisfy such securities claims. Furthermore, the Trustee notes that, if they were checking on their mutual funds, the "securities claimants," . . . could have confirmed the existence of those funds and tracked the funds' performance against Goren's account statements.

*In re New Times Secs. Servs.*, 371 F.3d 68, 74 (2d Cir. 2004); *see also* Brief of Appellant SIPC at 23-24, *In re New Times Sec. Servs., Inc.*, No. 05-5527 (Dec. 30, 2005):

[R]easonable and legitimate claimant expectations on the filing date are controlling even where inconsistent with transactional reality. Thus, for example, where a claimant orders a securities purchase and receives a written confirmation statement reflecting that purchase, the claimant generally has a reasonable expectation that he or she holds the securities identified in the confirmation and therefore generally is entitled to recover those securities (within the limits imposed by SIPA), even where the purchase never actually occurred and the debtor instead converted the cash deposited by the claimant to fund that purchase. . . . [T]his emphasis on reasonable and legitimate claimant expectations frequently yields much greater 'customer' protection than would be the case if transactional reality, not claimant expectations, were controlling, as this Court's earlier opinion in this liquidation well illustrates.

(g) The Trustee's position in the Madoff case is contradicted, not only by SIPC's prior treatment of customers in the New Times case, but also by a statement that SIPC's

general counsel, Josephine Wang, gave to the press on December 16, 2008 wherein Ms. Wang acknowledged that a Madoff customer is entitled to the securities in his account:

Based on a conversation with the SIPC general counsel, Josephine Wang, if clients were presented statements and had reason to believe that the securities were in fact owned, the SIPC will be required to buy these securities in the open market to make the customer whole up to \$500K each. So if Madoff client number 1234 was given a statement showing they owned 1000 GOOG shares, even if a transaction never took place, the SIPC has to buy and replace the 1000 GOOG shares.

December 16, 2008 Insiders' Blog, [www.occ.treas.gov/ftp/alert/2008-37.html](http://www.occ.treas.gov/ftp/alert/2008-37.html).

(h) The Trustee's methodology also conflicts with other federal laws. For example, Rev. Proc.2009-20, issued by Commissioner Shulman on March 17, 2009, expressly recognizes the income earned by customers, on which they paid taxes annually. Yet the Trustee's position is that the income earned by customers on their investments is not their money. In addition, some customers were required to take distribution from their retirement accounts. Yet the Trustee is deducting from their customer claim the mandatory withdrawals that the customers were required by law to take.

16. In sum, the Trustee has created his own definition of "net equity." The procedure is designed not for the benefit of Madoff victims but rather so that the Trustee can avoid paying SIPC insurance to the thousands of Madoff investors who, like Mr. Bruce, have depended upon their Madoff investments for their current and future living expenses.

17. **Fifth Objection.** The Trustee's action in reducing the amount shown on the Bruce IRA Customer Claim by any prior gains reflected on the Final Madoff Statement or prior statements is an attempt to avoid such gains without alleging any grounds for avoidance or proving that such gains are avoidable under the Bankruptcy Code's avoidance provisions. Any

such disallowance is improper and unjustified, and the Determination Letter should be stricken on that ground alone. *See Fed. R. Bankr. P.* 7001(1) & 7008.

18. **Sixth Objection.** SIPA provides that (a) SIPC shall pay the first \$500,000 of each customer claim, and (b) customers have an unsecured claim against customer property for the balance of their claims which is paid pro rata with other customers. *See 15 U.S.C. § 78fff-3(a)* (“In order to provide for prompt payment and satisfaction of net equity claims of customers of debtor, SIPC shall advance to the trustee [up to] \$500,000 for each customer, as may be required to pay . . . claims.”); *15 U.S.C. § 78fff-2(c)(1)(B)* (providing that customers of the debtor “shall share ratably in . . . customer property on the basis and to the extent of their net equities”). As evidenced by the Bruce IRA Customer Claim, Mr. Bruce has a valid claim in the amount of \$4,511,928.38. Therefore, Mr. Bruce is entitled to an advance of \$500,000 and a claim against customer property for the remainder.

19. **Seventh Objection.** The Bruce IRA Account was established pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), *29 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq.*, whose provisions preempt state fraudulent conveyance law, upon which the Trustee presumably relies pursuant to *11 U.S.C. § 544* to reduce the account balance.. *See 29 U.S.C. § 1144(a)* (the provisions of ERISA “shall supersede any and all state laws insofar as they may now or hereafter relate to any employee benefit plan described in section [1003(a)] . . .”).

As evidence of Congressional intent to protect ERISA-qualified plans, the Bankruptcy Code was amended in 2005 to protect such plans from the claims of creditors. *11 U.S.C. § 541(b)(7)(a)(i)(I)* (exempting from property of the estate “any amount withheld by an employer from the wages of employees for payment as contributions to an employee benefit plan that is subject to Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 . . .”). *See also, Patterson v. Shumate*, *504 U.S. 753* (1992) (holding that debtor’s interest in an ERISA-qualified

pension plan may be excluded from the property of the bankruptcy estate pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 541(c)(2)).

Moreover, any withdrawals from the account are required by other non bankruptcy law. Accordingly, to reduce the Bruce IRA Account balance by mandatory withdrawals is both improper and inequitable.

20. **Eighth Objection.** The Bruce IRA Account was established as an individual retirement, which under the laws of the State of Colorado where the account was established and administered, or under the laws of the State of New York where the funds were deposited, are exempt from judgment and the Trustee's efforts to reduce the amounts due in the account under any theory. *See, e.g., Colo. Rev. Stat. § 13-54-102 (2008); N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 5205(c).* These state laws protect the funds in the Bruce IRA Account from recovery by a trustee, and the Trustee's reduction of the funds is in violation of state law.

21. **Alternate Considerations.** In the event that the Court should determine that customer claims should not be allowed in the amount of the Final Madoff Statement, then in the alternative, the customer is entitled to recover interest or appreciation on the investments based upon the following.

(a) Under New York law, which is applicable here, funds deposited with Madoff under these circumstances are entitled to interest. *See, e.g., N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 5004; N.Y. Gen. Oblig. § 5-501, et seq.* Accordingly, the Bruce IRA Customer Claim should be recalculated by adding interest to all funds deposited.

(b) Under New York law, which is applicable here, customers are entitled to any returns Madoff earned on the deposited funds under principles of unjust enrichment. Accordingly, customer claims should be recalculated by adding the amounts earned by Madoff on the customer's deposits. *See, e.g., Steinberg v. Sherman, No. 07-1001, 2008 U.S. Dist.*

LEXIS 35786, at \*14-15 (S.D.N.Y. May 2, 2008) (“Causes of action such as . . . conversion and unjust enrichment qualify for the recovery of prejudgment interest.”); *Eighteen Holding Corp. v. Drizin*, 701 N.Y.S.2d 427, 428 (1st Dep’t 2000) (awarding prejudgment interest on claims for unjust enrichment and conversion).

(c) Mr. Bruce is entitled to interest on his investment under federal securities laws. In *Randall v. Loftsgaarden*, 478 U.S. 647 (1986), the Supreme Court analyzed the different measures of recovery of “actual damages” for fraud, primarily including rescission and restitution. The *Randall* Court concluded that Congress intended to deter wrongdoers, and hence, that wide latitude in choosing the measure of damages was warranted. *See id.* at 664 (citing *Affiliated Ute Citizens of Utah v. United States*, 406 U.S. 128, 151, 92 S.Ct. 1456, 31 L.Ed.2d 741 (1972)). The *Randall* Court continued by holding that:

This deterrent purpose is ill-served by a too rigid insistence on limiting plaintiffs to recovery of their “net economic loss.”

*Id.* at 664 (citing *Salcer v. Envicon Equities Corp.*, 744 F.2d 935, 940 (2d Cir. 1984)).

#### **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

22. The Bruce IRA reserves the right to revise, supplement, or amend this Objection, and any failure to object on a particular ground or grounds shall not be construed as a waiver of Marvin E. Bruce’s right to object on any additional grounds.

23. The Bruce IRA reserves all rights set forth in Rule 9014, including, without limitation, rights of discovery. *See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9014.*

24. The Bruce IRA reserves all objections as to the competence, relevance, materiality, privilege, or admissibility of evidence in any subsequent proceeding or trial of this or any other action for any purpose whatsoever.

#### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

For the reasons stated herein, the Bruce IRA Customer Claim should be allowed in its entirety in the amount of \$4,511,928.38, which is the amount reflected on his Final Madoff Statement, plus interest from the date of the Determination letter.

For the reasons stated herein, the Court should direct SIPC to immediately replace \$500,000 of the securities in the Bruce IRA Account based upon the values reflected on his November 30, 2008 account statement and/or immediately forward the Bruce IRA Account a \$500,00 advance from the SIPC Fund.

For the reasons stated herein, the Determination Letter should be stricken.

The Bruce IRA requests such other relief as may be just and equitable.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Carole Neville, hereby certify that on November 16, 2009 I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Objection to Trustee's Determination of Claim** on behalf of Marvin E. Bruce IRA Account to be filed electronically with the Court and served upon the parties in this action who receive electronic service through CM/ECF, and served by hand upon:

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